

## **TROPICAL DEPRESSION 12W**

While Typhoon Judy (11W) was tracking northwestward towards Korea, an area of deep convection became persistent to the south-southeast of Judy. This persistent convection, first mentioned in the Significant Tropical Weather Advisory for 27 July, looped around in the monsoon trough and headed west, passing 50 nm (80 km) south of Okinawa at 281200Z. The discovery of a well-developed low-level circulation and falling pressures

prompted the issuance of a Tropical Cyclone Formation Alert at 290630Z, followed by the first Tropical Depression Warning at 291200Z. Because of strong vertical wind shear, the depression was not forecast to intensify to a minimal tropical storm. After the last warning at 300000Z, the deep convection sheared away and continued westward into China while the dissipating low-level circulation tracked southward into the Taiwan Strait.

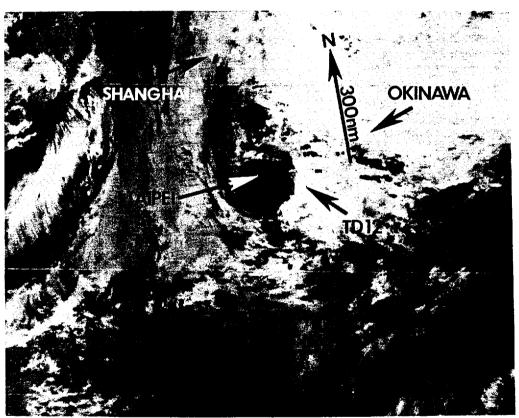


Figure 3-12-1. TD 12W shortly after the first warning (291131Z July DMSP infrared imagery).